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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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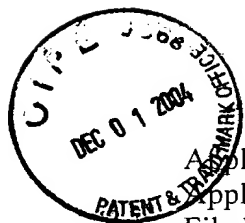
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action dated June 28, 2004, and requests continuing examination of that application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and M.P.E.P. § 706.07(h). A draft in the amount of \$1220 is included for the two-month extension fee (\$430) and the RCE fee (\$790) under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(a)(2) and (e), respectively. The Patent Office is authorized to debit deposit account number 50-1924 for any additional fee that may be required to maintain the pendency of this application and/or to advance this request for continuing examination.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

**Appendix:** None